

Please amend page 11, line 7 so the paragraph entitled 6] appears as follows:

To prevent the peptide ac-CSDGAVQPDGGQPAVRNERATG-NH<sub>2</sub> (SEQ ID NO. 2) from dimerization by air oxidation, the free SH group was blocked. Peptide ac-CSDGAVQPDGGQPAVRNERATG-NH<sub>2</sub> (SEQ ID NO. 2) (20 µmol) and iodoacetamide (100 µmol) was dissolved in 400 µl DMF and 600 µl 2% NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> (pH 8.0). The pH was kept between 7.5 and 8.5, and if necessary corrected with extra NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> (grains). The solution was stirred for some 1.5 to 2 hours at room temperature. Acetic acid (100%, 50 µl) was added to stop the reaction. An Ellmann test was used to analyse the result.